



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Subject Arrested for Felony Assault

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 26, 2012**

On March 25, 2012 at 1:52 a.m., Santa Barbara Police Officers responded to a call of approximately twenty subjects fighting in City Lot #5 off of 1200 Chapala Street. Several officers arrived and found a 24-year old male victim, Crespín Juarez Salgado, unconscious on the ground with a swollen face and a severe laceration under his right eye. Upon being roused the victim, who was intoxicated, could only advise officers that he had been punched. Paramedics were summoned to assist him and he was taken to Cottage Hospital for treatment.

Officers Chris Payne and Kody Cardana stopped two male and two female subjects leaving the area on Anapamu Street after a witness indicated that they were involved in the fight. One of the males, later identified as Jorge Sierra Gonzalez, age 27, was later positively identified by a witness as the person who battered Salgado.

Investigation indicates that prior to the incident suspect Gonzalez and his three companions had been attending a concert at Soho nightclub at 1221 State Street #205. While inside they became involved in an altercation, felt threatened, and left. According to a witness, while in the breezeway outside of Soho that leads to Lot #5, Gonzalez approached the victim, Salgado, and began angrily speaking to him. Salgado, who appeared heavily intoxicated, attempted to walk away however was punched repeatedly on the face by Gonzalez. Salgado held his hands up to protect his face and backed away; however he was then pushed by Gonzalez which caused him to fall backward, strike his head on the ground, and lose consciousness. Gonzalez continued the attack by repeatedly kicking the unconscious victim on his head and face. A crowd of onlookers then gathered and attempted to intervene, prompting Gonzalez to throw punches at several of the other individuals.

Gonzalez was arrested and booked at Santa Barbara County Jail for felony assault with a deadly weapon. The weapons in this case were his feet, which he used to kick the unconscious victim on the head which could have resulted in great bodily injury. His bail was set at \$30,000.



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